

## Budget approved, Knesset adjourns

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset rose last night for a six-week Pessach recess, after passing the 1984 budget of 154.36 trillion. Hands were not counted, since a moment before, an opposition amendment was defeated by 57-52.

The highlight of the budget bill's second reading was the roll-call vote on an amendment of Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) calling for the allocation of 151.50 million to Habad institutions.

Habad — the Lubavitch hassidic movement — is not part of the religious-political establishment or party to the coalition agreement for the allocation of funds to religious institutions. It applied to the High Court of Justice on this matter.

The roll-call vote was proposed by Rabbi Menachem Hacohen (Alignment), and was formally requested in the required manner of submitting 20 signatures.

The Alignment hoped that some coalition members would hesitate to vote against funds for Habad if, instead of simply raising their hands, they would have to call out "Nay" when their names were called.

In the event, three coalition members abstained: Benzion Rubin (Tami), David Magen (Likud-Herut) and Yigal Hurvitz (Rafi).

But although on the opposition side the three Communist members present also abstained, the amendment failed, by a vote of 54-49.

The special grants to yeshivot and other educational institutions of the religious parties were the only

budget items that attracted special interest during the second reading.

Rubinstein called it scandalous for a budget item to appear under the head "special grants based on coalition agreements." This was not a coalition budget but a state budget, he said.

Rubinstein said that the coalition had not kept its promise to establish a public council to oversee the distribution of the funds in question. The promise was made almost three years ago in the coalition agreement that provided for the allocation of the special grants.

Finance Committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz replied that all the institutions in question are subject to the review of the state comptroller, like other institutions that get state funds.

He said that, thanks to Aguda's efforts, Habad institutions are receiving "immense sums," on a par with all Tora institutions. If they are not getting enough, the door is open to them to request more, he said.

Lorincz said that coalition chairman Avraham Shapira (Aguda), Avraham Melamed (NRP) and a Tami representative had been authorized to negotiate with Habad, and had offered them a sum "larger than anything they dreamed of."

Shapira then moved, "with the consent of the minister of finance," that 151.5 million be deducted from the special grants to the "three religious parties" and be allocated to Habad institutions.

Here, there were shouts from the

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## 2 IDF soldiers wounded in ambush

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Two IDF soldiers were wounded, one of them seriously, when an army convoy was ambushed yesterday near the Shi'ite village of Arab Salim north of Nabatiya. Israel Defence Forces units combed the area and found cartridges left by the assailants.

Two IDF soldiers were killed near the village two months ago, after which South Lebanon Army units searched the village in the first operation carried out by this force. At the time the village leader complained about the violent behaviour of the South Lebanon Army soldiers towards his villagers.

## South Lebanon Army kills

### 3 Shi'ite villagers in riot

Jerusalem Post Staff

METULLA. — Soldiers of the new South Lebanon Army early yesterday morning killed three persons — two of them women — and wounded 10 others during a violent clash with villagers in Jibshit, a Shi'ite village four kilometres west of Nabatiya. The army is an expanded version of the former Haddad militia formed after the Lebanon war broke out, and of local Phalangists.

Units of the army went into Jibshit on Tuesday night, searching for villagers suspected of hostile action against the Israel Defence Forces. They were met with stones and metal bars thrown from the

rooftops. When the soldiers were surrounded by several hundred hostile villagers, they fired their weapons to extricate themselves.

IDF units, which also searched the village for hostile elements, arrested about 100 suspects — and found sub-machineguns, pistols and grenades in their possession.

Jibshit is regarded as a hostile village from Israel's point of view and there have been several IDF casualties in the area. It was the village of Imam Raja Hareb, who spent time in Iran after the Lebanon war, after which he preached against Israel. Hareb was murdered in a local quarrel two months ago.

## 32 dead, 100 injured as Beirut artillery battles flare

BEIRUT (AP). — Thirty-two civilians were killed and 100 were wounded as scores of shells and rockets crashed into both Christian and Moslem neighbourhoods of Beirut yesterday afternoon in the worst spate of random bombardment in more than two weeks.

The two-hour bombardment came as President Amin Gemayel was meeting with his aides to prepare for a session of the political-security committee agreed on during the nine-day "reconciliation" conference in Lausanne. Several rockets slammed into the pine woods of Baabda, near the

palace where Gemayel met with his aides. The committee was scheduled to meet last night to try to work out an end to hostilities.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station spoke of "many deaths and wounded civilians" in East Beirut, but gave no exact toll.

Smoke could be seen rising from several neighbourhoods in East and West Beirut. The various radio stations appealed for blood donations as the firing tapered off at about 4:30 p.m. two hours after the first few shells fell, surprising people en route home from work or in shopping areas.

# Parties agree on July 23 poll

## But July 24 said more likely

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Israelis will elect the 11th Knesset on Monday, July 23, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres decided yesterday. It is possible, however, that the date could be July 24, a reliable Likud source said last night.

The government will call a special session during the first week of the Pessach recess one day next week for the first reading of the bill to dissolve the Knesset and to fix July 23 as election day. Shamir and Peres decided, Likud MKs will add their signatures to the election bill as co-sponsors.

The government will call a second special session the following week to complete the second and third readings and pass the bill into law.

The day of the election is likely to be changed from July 23 to July 24 when the legislation is processed through committee. The Jerusalem Post was told last night from a reliable source.

A Herut minister who has been involved in election management for more than 15 years, told The Post that Monday elections would mean that election propaganda would have to halt the previous Thursday night.

A Tuesday election would enable election propaganda to continue until 7 p.m. Sunday, he said.

Also, the technical preparations for distributing the ballot boxes, booths, registers, slips, and so forth would make a Monday election very burdensome, whereas a Tuesday election, according to experience, left technical arrangements smooth and unhurried, the minister told The Post.

Likud sources last night admitted to The Post they were very pleased with the way they outwitted the Alignment with sweet words and a friendly atmosphere into making the important concessions over the date.

The Alignment, in accepting the compromise election date of July 23, may be affected by the absence abroad on holiday of many of its potential voters, probably more in number than the Likud voters likely to travel. The timing could cost the Alignment as much as one or two Knesset seats.

With secondary schools breaking up June 20 and elementary schools June 30, voters will have to make a major effort to postpone their foreign travel plans until after July 23, the Alignment leaders realized.

Had the Alignment refused the July 23 compromise date, the Likud had the power — thanks to its control of the presidency and the relevant Knesset committees — to stall

the private members' bills in committee until the start of the summer Knesset term in May.

This would have meant an election date in September at the earliest, as the Likud would have preferred. Such a late date could have enabled a leadership struggle within the Labour Party, which many, quite apart from Peres, did not want.

The Alignment had been set to settle for July 10 as the last possible date in view of the school holidays and foreign-travel problem.

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor, who has been working energetically for the past few days to work out a friendly compromise between the two big blocs — the Likud and the Alignment — was within an inch of getting them to agree on July 10, it seems, but the Alignment pulled the rug out from under his feet at the last moment.

The Alignment told Savidor it did not want him to mediate in the affair, not wanting him to get the prestige for arranging the date.

At the summit yesterday Shamir and Peres also agreed to initiate certain changes in the election laws, such as shortening the present 100 days waiting period for civil servants wishing to enter the election lists, and updating the voters register to include youngsters just reaching the age of 18 who enter the

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## Navon due to declare intentions tomorrow

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party nerves will remain on edge until tomorrow, when former president Yitzhak Navon is due to inform party chairman Shimon Peres of his political intentions.

Navon and Peres met yesterday, at Jerusalem's Shemesh restaurant, for the first time since Navon's return to Israel from the U.S. on Tuesday.

Peres sought to persuade Navon not to mount a challenge for the party leadership lest this damage the Alignment's prospects at the polls. But Navon is under pressure from supporters urging him to make a bid for the party primacy on the grounds that his popularity will brighten Labour's electoral chances.

According to informed Labour sources, Peres made Navon some sort of offer during their luncheon conference. Navon did not answer on the spot, saying he would have to

think the matter over and consult with his supporters. He promised Peres a reply on Friday.

The two conversed in a private dining room at the restaurant and emerged smiling to meet press photographers and camera crews.

The Labour Party yesterday was rife with rumours as to what Peres offered Navon and what Navon intends to do.

Some stories held that Peres yesterday repeated his refusal to yield the foreign affairs portfolio to Navon or to entrust him with sole responsibility for the autonomy negotiations. The portfolio and the handling of the autonomy talks had been already promised to MK Abba Eban, Peres told Navon, according to party sources. It is widely believed in Labour that Navon would have been willing to settle for those posts in addition to an appointment as deputy premier.

Peres reportedly told Navon that

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## Sharon adamant about challenging Shamir

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon is adamant about challenging Prime Minister Shamir for the Herut leadership. Sharon's supporter in the Knesset, David Magen told Shamir yesterday afternoon.

Sharon is miffed at Shamir not having rewarded his loyalty. After Menachem Begin resigned as prime minister, Shamir and deputy Prime Minister David Levy vied for

supremacy in Herut. Sharon backed Shamir and expected a cabinet portfolio, but none was offered him.

Sharon's challenge does not worry the Shamir camp, whose attention is now riveted on Levy who holds the key to what will happen in the party. Levy has not yet indicated whether he will challenge Shamir or not. If he does, Herut will face a serious internal battle.

If a challenge is made solely by Sharon, the feeling is that he can be easily defeated and presents no real

threat on his own.

Levy is still keeping his options open. Talk in Herut has it that Shamir has offered him any position in the party and in the cabinet, if Shamir forms the next government.

Levy is expected to make his position clear in the next few days. Like others in Herut, he may be waiting to see what happens in Labour. If the rival party keeps its house in order, chances are that Levy will not drag Herut into inter-

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## Gur mooted for Treasury post

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

A group of Labour Party activists has proposed MK Mordechai Gur as the party's candidate for finance minister. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

The activists also proposed MK Haim Bar-Lev as a possible alternative for the post.

Both men are former chiefs of staff. Bar-Lev was Industry Minister in the Yitzhak Rabin government.

According to Labour Party sources, the proposal was raised after party activists and MKs con-

cluded that a possible "arrangement" between the main contenders to become the party's candidate for the premiership would leave Gur and Bar-Lev without a senior portfolio.

The sources said party chairman Shimon Peres did not reject the proposal. Until now, it had been supposed that the Alignment's candidate for the Treasury post would be MK Gad Ya'acobi. But Peres refused last week to state whether he saw Ya'acobi as his candidate for finance minister in an Alignment government.



Mordechai Gur

(Harari)

## Attorney-general criticizes ministers on 'crackdowns'

Jerusalem Post Staff

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir issued a statement yesterday implicitly criticizing Health Minister Eliezer Shostak and Transport Minister Haim Corfu for reportedly promising in a deal with Agudat Yisrael to ask police to crack down on illegal abortions and public transport on the Sabbath.

"Prosecution is the business of the police, the State Attorney's Office and representatives of the attorney-general," Zamir said, adding that "prosecution is independent and operated according to the law and to professional legal judgment, without reference to political elements or political considerations."

Concerning illegal abortions and public transport on the sabbath, Zamir said, "the prosecution will

continue to operate independently according to the facts of each case, and on the basis of professional legal consideration."

Meanwhile, Alignment MK Edna Solodor told the Knesset Labour and Welfare Committee yesterday that "women's bodies will not be the price paid to Agudat Yisrael."

In a stormy session, MKs Shoshana Arbell-Amosino and Solodor demanded that Shostak be invited to the next meeting to explain to what degree previous recommendations of the committee regarding the public dissemination of birth-control information have been implemented.

But Agudat Yisrael MK Menachem Porush said he wants the minister invited so that he can ask him how it is that a minister can stand up in the Knesset and admit that the law is being violated.

## UK diplomat slain in Athens

ATHENS (Reuters). — A British diplomat was shot dead and a Greek woman employed by the British Council was gravely injured by a young gunman in central Athens yesterday as they were driving home.

Police said the gunman, a swarthy man aged between 25 and 30, pumped at least three bullets into Kenneth Whitty, a cultural officer, at almost point-blank range through the window of the car he was driving. He died almost instantly.

The gunman also shot his passenger, Artemis Economidou,

seriously wounding her in the neck. She was in a coma and was not expected to live, police said last night.

Two other women employees of the Council who were in the car escaped unhurt. Whitty, a married man in his forties with four children, was driving them to the north suburbs of Athens where all four lived.

Eyewitnesses said the gunman, who had flagged down Whitty's car at the intersection of two streets, escaped on foot after firing into the air to frighten passersby.

## Kimche meets Rumsfeld

TEL AVIV (AP). — U.S. presidential envoy Donald Rumsfeld made a brief stopover at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday evening where he met with Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said. The meeting followed a trip by Rumsfeld to Saudi Arabia.

## Yellow rain could be bee droppings

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (Reuters). — The discovery that wild honeybees make "massive defecation flights" in Southeast Asia supports the theory that yellow rain is actually bee droppings, not chemical warfare, a Harvard University biologist said yesterday.

## Business deal cuts air fare to S. Africa

### Mozambique agrees on flights to Tel Aviv

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli and South African businessmen have signed an agreement with Mozambique's national carrier to operate weekly charter flights between the Mozambique capital, Maputo, and Tel Aviv. The flights are expected to make the cost of travel between Israel and South Africa more than \$400 cheaper.

Menachem Laufer, who heads Laufer Aviation, told The Jerusalem Post the agreement was concluded

after Mozambique gave its national carrier — Linhas Aereas de Mocambique — the go-ahead, despite the absence of diplomatic relations with Israel. If the Israel Civil Aviation Administration approves the agreement, flights could start on June 12, he said.

Laufer said that he and Tony Factor, a Johannesburg businessman, flew to Maputo where the deal was concluded. It follows the non-aggression pact Mozambique signed with South Africa on March 18.

The agreement provides that

South Africans go to Mozambique and then fly directly to Tel Aviv. The weekly flight will use El Al's route, but without the stopover in Nairobi. The passengers would be able to take charter flights from here to Europe, Laufer added.

Israelis will be able to fly to Maputo where buses will transport them to Johannesburg or take them on organized tours. The trip to Johannesburg will cost "less than \$600," Laufer said. El Al yesterday quoted its cheapest rate at \$1,064.

## Dismissals likely in Knesset gate-crash

Post Knesset Correspondent

The three-man body probing the gate-crashing of the Knesset by a disabled Israel Defence Forces veteran in his car earlier this month has come to far-reaching conclusions which could entail some dismissals, it was understood in the Knesset last night.

Despite the Knesset Guard's customary checks, Yosef Kakun, drove in on the tail of another vehi-

cle as part of his protest against alleged discrimination in rehabilitation services. He reached the entrance to the building used by ministers and MKs.

Since this incident, security checks of vehicles have been quadrupled, extra mobile barriers have been added at two points in addition to the mechanical gate and a special guardhouse has been built on the approach road leading to the Palombo Gates of solid Jerusalem

stone, which will also house additional barriers.

Since the three-man committee includes top-flight security experts from the police and the General Security Service, as well as Liberal MK Ariel Weinstein, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the IDF reserves, its recommendations, however drastic, can hardly be ignored, and heads are likely to roll, among the Knesset personnel.

## Ex-coordinator of W. Bank takes over in S. Lebanon

Post Defence Correspondent

Tat-Aluf Shlomo Ilya has been named the IDF commander in Southern Lebanon. He will replace Tat-Aluf Meir Dagan, who has completed his term of duty.

Ilya's appointment, on the recommendation of Chief of Staff Moshe Levy, caused some surprise as he was recently relieved of his post as the head of the Civil Administration in Judea and Samaria for unbecoming conduct.

Defence sources said yesterday they saw no reason why Ilya should not have been given the job in Southern Lebanon and said there

was no connection between the new appointment and his earlier dismissal.

They denied that Dagan had been removed from his post for any reason other than rotation. There had been rumours that Dagan had annoyed Defence Ministry officials by acting too independently in recent months.

Ilya will be assuming command in Southern Lebanon at a time when the government intends to double the size of the militia, formerly commanded by the late Maj. Sa'ad Haddad — an operation he will be charged with supervising.



Shlomo Ilya

(Kerem)

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HELSINKI	1	3	34 37
HONG KONG	18	21	64 70
JOHANNESBURG	13	28	55 82
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LONDON	9	18	48 64
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NEW YORK	1	3	34 37
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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy, warmer.

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	37	20
Cool	5-20	21
Nahariya	—	21
Safed	6-16	18
Haifa Port	12-18	21
Tiberias	8-23	24
Nazareth	3-12	22
Afula	5-22	24
Shimon	6-21	22
Tel Aviv	8-21	23
B-G Airport	9-20	21
Jericho	8-20	29
Gaza	10-18	20
Beerseba	6-21	24
Eilat	12-28	29

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday greeted at the Knesset a delegation of the Social Democratic Party from Great Britain which includes Lord Diamond and Lord Kennet, political secretary Wendy Buckley and Peter Styles, director of the Friends of Israel in the SDP. They are in Israel as guests of the World Zionist Organization. The group also met MKs Shimon Peres and Amnon Rubinstein, and had lunch at the Knesset with MKs Yitzhak Berman and Gad Ya'acobi.

The Committee of Concerned Citizens will hold a public meeting at the Dan Carmel, Haifa at 8 p.m. today. Its president, Simcha Dinitz, will speak on the elections.

Dr. Mignon Eisenberg, of the University of Chicago, will speak on "Logotherapy" at a Ladies' luncheon of the Rotary Club, meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m. today.

Ruth and Sanford Batkin of New Rochelle, New York, are to visit the David Yellin Teachers College today, where they are to meet with members of the Israel Board of Directors of the College and College Dean, Dr. Norman Scheinin. Mr. Batkin is President of the David Yellin Teachers College.

## NRP leader Duvdani dies in accident

Former Jewish Agency Aliya Department chairman Baruch Duvdani, 62, was buried yesterday in Jerusalem, after being killed in a road accident on Tuesday night. Duvdani lost his life in a multiple car crash in Western Galilee, caused by two horses bolting onto the road near the village of Rama. Eight other people were injured in the crash. Duvdani, a leader of the National Religious Party was formerly a Jerusalem city councillor. At the time of his death, he was serving as chairman of the Mizrahi movement's Religious Education Centre. Duvdani came to this country from Poland as a young man. He was active in the movement for illegal immigration from Nazi Europe, and later in immigration from the North African countries. He also fulfilled a number of missions for the Mizrahi movement. (Itim)

## Herzog unveils Montefiore plaque

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
LONDON. — President Chaim Herzog yesterday unveiled a plaque on the exterior of a house in Park Lane in which Sir Moses Montefiore lived during the last century. On the second day of his visit here, Herzog last night was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the Middle Temple Lincoln's Inn, of which he is a graduate. Presiding over the dinner was the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham. Guests included Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Home Secretary Leon Brittan and Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers.

I hereby announce that I renounce for all purposes my present name, **Helen Yuthiwattana** and will henceforth be known exclusively by the name **Helen Albin**.  
Jerusalem March 29, 1984

## HOME NEWS

### MKs say the State Comptroller is ignored

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

"It will be a great day for Israeli democracy when a minister resigns because the State Comptroller has given his ministry an unfavourable report," Imri Ron (Alignment-Mapam) said yesterday.

He was speaking in the debate on the State Comptroller's Report No. 33 (Part 2) and the Ombudsman's Report No. 12.

How to get government agencies to take the comptroller's criticisms seriously was a question to which several speakers addressed themselves.

Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment), chairman of the State Control Committee, proposed that "appropriate

sanctions" be taken against senior ministry officials — "we can't impose sanctions on the political level" — and perhaps also a budgetary sanction against the ministry.

Tamar Eshel (Alignment), chairwoman of the committee's subcommittee on complaints by the public, said that one thing stands out from the report in bold relief: there has been no improvement in public administration.

Even worse, she said, the committee, in its investigations and meetings with public officials, has encountered "a very large degree of contempt for the citizen, negligence in the performance of duties, tardiness and a couldn't-care-less attitude to mistakes."

Eshel expressed regret that the civil service commissioner "has made no effort" to draw conclusions from the State Comptroller's Report, and ensure the adoption of new procedures. As a result, she said, the State Control Committee finds itself trying to do the commissioner's job.

Within each ministry, responsibility for complying with the State Comptroller's recommendations rests with the director-general, Eshel said.

She thought it was a bad idea to have the same individual fill the posts of state comptroller and ombudsman (Israel is the only country where this is the case.) The question has never been discussed thoroughly, and Israel has much to

learn from other countries on this subject, she said.

Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberals) proposed that the committee, instead of regurgitating the findings and recommendations of the state comptroller, should at the beginning of a new Knesset focus on five or six problems "that have been giving us trouble since the state was established."

The problems chosen should not be specific but rather of a more general nature, Weinstein said. He gave four examples: relations between the government and the local authorities, service rendered to the citizen by government agencies, procurement of equipment, and the control over government companies.

### Knesset panel calls for funds for Rambam and Rothschild

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — This city's Rothschild and Rambam hospitals have won the backing of the Knesset Finance subcommittee on health matters in their fight to receive funds for specific projects.

The subcommittee has recommended that the Health Ministry cancel its order stopping building work on the Rothschild Hospital's partially completed west wing extension.

It has also advised the ministry to allocate \$1.7 million in next year's budget to pay for equipment already ordered by the project contractor.

The subcommittee further recommended that the Treasury act as guarantor for the Friends of the Rothschild Hospital Society to enable them to secure a loan towards completing the west wing building.

Staff at Rothschild said the recommendation substantiated their demands that the Health Ministry continue funding the west wing project, which was started 11 years ago to ease overcrowding.

Dr. Yitzhak Horowitz, chairman of the doctors' committee at Rothschild, said that if the recommendations are accepted, they will bring an immediate end to the three-week-old dispute that has already led to the closure of the hospital's emergency ward to all but life and death cases.

The staff have threatened to close the hospital unless the Health Ministry agrees to their demands.

The subcommittee has also recommended that the Treasury cover the entire cost of neurosurgical equipment purchased by Rambam Hospital at the time of the terrorist attack on the Israel Defence Forces military headquarters in Tyre.

### Shultz firm against moving U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday took a firm stance against any move of the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Despite the support for such a transfer from many members of Congress, as well as from Democratic presidential frontrunners Walter Mondale and Gary Hart, President Reagan and Shultz warned of grave damage to U.S. interests in the Middle East if the move were made.

Testifying before a Senate appropriations sub-committee, Shultz said he was determined to resist the

pressures for an embassy transfer.

Any more even to West Jerusalem, he explained, would appear to prejudice the U.S. position on the final status of the entire city. Shultz repeatedly insisted that final jurisdiction over Jerusalem should be left to Arab-Israeli negotiations, although it should be unified with free access to the holy places.

Shultz said there had to be "an international agreement" about the final status of Jerusalem in advance of any embassy move. Otherwise, he continued, the U.S. would face "a tremendous set of implications."

Still, Shultz seemed to leave some slight room for such a possibility by noting that the U.S. then would have to cope with it.

### Treasury, Histadrut veto Patt wage plan

Treasury and Histadrut officials both reacted coolly yesterday to a proposal from Industry Minister Gideon Patt to abolish index-linked wage compensation.

Patt made the proposal on Tuesday, citing it as a way to fight inflation. Most inflation was "like hot air in a balloon," he asserted, since in dollar terms prices are stable.

Patt proposed a one-time wage rise for workers to counter wage

erosion, and then an end to wage linkages.

Treasury officials reacted yesterday by vetoing any plans for such a "one-time dollarization."

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel called Patt's proposal "a dubious election trick designed to conquer headlines for a day." The Histadrut would not agree to any such proposal, he said.

### Kotlowitz opposes non-Jewish volunteers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The ousted chairman of the Jewish Agency's aliya department called yesterday for an end to bringing non-Jewish volunteers to Israel and for concentrating efforts on Jewish volunteers in the hope they will settle here.

He also claimed the department has deteriorated since he left last October and that the momentum of aliya has decreased to a worrisome degree.

Kotlowitz, the Herut activist whose bid to continue in the post was rejected by the agency board of governors, told the Zionist Council in Israel that during his six years as chairman, he developed new techniques to attract immigrants from the West.

Kotlowitz warned that the long wait of immigrants in absorption centres for permanent housing is the single most important factor discouraging more aliya from the west.

### MKs elect delegates to 'dayanim' committee

The Knesset last night elected Yehuda Hashai (Alignment) and Haim Druckman (Matzad) as its two representatives on the dayanim (religious court judges) selection committee.

In a secret ballot, Hashai received 61 votes and Druckman 51, as against 45 for Menahem Porush (Aguda) and 40 for Ben-Zion Rubin (Tami).

### Liverpool regains cup by defeating Everton

Post Sports Staff

Liverpool regained the English League (Milk) Cup last night when they defeated their Merseyside rivals Everton 1-0 in a replay after Sunday's goalless draw at Wembley.

Liverpool Captain Graham Souness scored the winner with a cracking drive midway through the first half of a game played at Maine Road, Manchester.

### Deputy Speakers argue over chair

Post Knesset Reporter

An unpleasant incident involving two deputy Speakers of the Knesset occurred yesterday during the second reading of the budget bill.

Newly appointed deputy Speaker Yigal Cohen (Likud-La'am) arrived at 2 p.m., to relieve veteran deputy Speaker Moshe Shahal (Alignment).

Shahal refused to yield the chair, arguing that, "It is the custom not to relieve the chairman of the session when a vote is imminent." He asked Cohen to step down.

Likud faction chairman Ronnie Milo intervened, calling on Shahal to "stop this push." Shahal twice called him to order. He also faulted Cohen for not having asked an usher to inform Shahal that he wished to relieve him.

Shahal eventually announced a five-minute recess, and when the House re-convened he announced that at a meeting of the presidium it transpired that there had been a misunderstanding.

Knesset observers agreed that Shahal had been unduly sensitive.

### Archeology congress to open in capital

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The question of whether there is such a discipline as biblical archeology is likely to be one of the major issues next week of the first international congress on biblical archeology ever to be held in Israel.

The five-day congress, which opens Sunday at Jerusalem's Hilton Hotel, will include 250 participants from 18 foreign countries from Zimbabwe to Finland and Japan to Mexico.

A tendency among foreign archeologists to drop the term biblical archeology in favour of Syrian-Palestinian archeology, or archeology of the Levant, will be addressed by Prof. Yigael Yadin, among others. The trend away from use of the term biblical, which has gained momentum in recent years, is partly a scholarly attitude which holds that the term is too narrow for scientific purposes.

Israeli archeologists maintain, however, that foreign scholars are motivated by purely political purposes, including the fear of being banned from excavating in Arab countries.

The congress chairman, Prof. Avraham Biran of Hebrew Union College, said this week that the congress might agree on a new terminology for the various archeological periods.

### Dispute cuts TV news

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Mabat news programme was shortened to 10 minutes last night, because of a dispute between TV cameramen and technicians, and reporters. The cameramen and technicians were demanding screen credits, and the reporters were opposed to this.

The programme is expected to be back to proper length tonight.

### BUDGET

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Alignment — "Wheeling and dealing!" was one that could be heard above the din — leading Shapira to retort: "You don't want to help Habad, you want to bring down the government!"

Over heckling by the Alignment, he gave his blessing to the agreement (see below) reached unofficially, whereby Agudat Yisrael, Tami and the National Religious Party would each waive IS17m. of "their" grants for the benefit of Habad institutions.

As the heckling continued, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad said: "The fact that the problem has been solved is disturbing to part of the House."

Rubinstein was given the floor, and charged that the minister had made a mockery of the budget bill — "as if these are the private monies of a few factions."

Cohen-Orgad again went to the rostrum and explained that the agreement would require a formal request to the finance committee and the latter's approval.

### JULY 23 POLL

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IDF this spring and early summer. Nothing was heard yesterday about plans aired last week to raise the 1 per cent vote threshold so that one-man factions would be barred from the Knesset and the overall number of factions would be reduced.

Election days are almost always on a Tuesday for technical reasons involving the distribution and collection of the polling-station material. However, on December 31, 1973, the election was also held on a Monday.

Had July 17 not been the 17th of Tammuz, a fast day marking the Roman breach of the Jerusalem ramparts over 19 centuries ago, the National Religious Party and the Agudat Yisrael would have favoured that date.

NRP leader Yehuda Ben-Meir told The Jerusalem Post that he had assured both Shamir and Peres that his party wanted the two of them to settle amicably for a date sometime in July but no later.

Labour MK Shevah Weiss told The Jerusalem Post that his study of Knesset minutes during the readings of the election laws passed decades ago showed clearly that the Basic Law specified October-November

as the normal election date, for an excellent reason.

At no other period of the year are more Israelis at home, he said, enjoying pleasant, dry but not torrid weather.

Weiss said that July 23 would see many thousands away from their homes, either at vacation spots inside Israel, or abroad. It would see oldsters reluctant to move out perhaps, because of the heat.

Weiss said that the Alignment had fallen into a pit which it had partly dug itself, and which had partly been dug for it by the Likud, even while the Likud pretended to have made a generous compromise gesture towards the Alignment.

"They got us coming and going," Weiss said. "The July 15 cost-of-living index may well be under 10 per cent, and they'll make the most of it. I don't know to what extent we had no alternative. Not only the Alignment will lose, but also Shinui and the Citizens Rights Movement. That may make the precise difference between the Alignment building a coalition with ease, or with difficulty."

July 23 happens to be the 23rd of Tammuz as well, and the 32nd anniversary of the Egyptian national holiday commemorating the overthrow of the monarchy.



Queen Elizabeth of Britain arrives at the Martyr's Memorial in Amman on Tuesday with a heavily armed escort for a ceremonial watering of the Tree of Life on the second day of her five-day state visit to Jordan. (UPI Telephoto)

### Israeli jets 'appall' the queen

ZARQA, Jordan (AP). — Queen

Elizabeth was given the Jordanian version of the bitter politics of the Middle East yesterday as she visited the Dead Sea shore and a farm within sight of the West Bank.

At the farm, about 2km. from the border, Crown Prince Hassan lectured her on Israel's policy of establishing Jewish settlements on the West Bank. He called them illegal and said they show Israel's plans to annex the land and move Palestinians out.

At the end of Hassan's talk, Israeli jets swooped down the River Jordan valley. As King Hussein pointed to them, Queen Elizabeth was heard to say, "Appalling."

seiner American-born wife, Queen Noor.

After the visit to the farm, Hussein took the wheel of a bullet-proof gray Mercedes limousine, and, with the Queen in the front passenger seat, drove to the military reservation of Zarqa on the Dead Sea shore.

Standing in the shadow of Mount Nebo, from whose summit Moses first glimpsed the promised land, the two monarchs posed for photographs as they gazed across the inland sea toward the Judean hills, before sitting down to a Beduin-style meal.

Hassan used a large map, which he said was based on the work of an Israeli researcher, to point out areas where Israeli settlements have been established or are being planned.

### Christian militia to leave coast area south of Beirut

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Christian Lebanese Forces militia is regrouping its forces in preparation for a withdrawal from a pocket on the coast 30 kilometres south of Beirut, militia spokesman Fadi Hayek said yesterday.

He told Reuters the withdrawal is part of an Israeli-sponsored agreement between the Christian militia and the House Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), which surrounds the Kharrub region from the north and east.

sembling military vehicles and heavy weapons on the coast and will evacuate them by sea to the Christian port of Jounieh "any time now," Hayek added.

Israel, which regularly sends patrols north into the Kharrub, from across its lines on the Awali River, has undertaken to "maintain the situation as normal," he said.

Sunni and Shi'ite Muslim politicians have criticized the accord for failing to guarantee free passage for civilians along the main coast road to the south.

We regret to announce the passing, after a lengthy illness, of  
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The shiva will be held at the deceased's home, Reh. Heh b'lyar 30, Tel Aviv



## National traffic force will begin next month

By ARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Traffic Police will begin operating next month, Transport Minister Haim Corfu — chairman of the cabinet Road Safety Committee — announced yesterday.

In its first stage the force will be maintained by 132 patrolmen using 50 cars and 21 motorcycles. The force will report to Israel Police Inspector-General Arye Ivzani, and for the time being will operate only on inter-urban roads.

"Except for the vehicles and other specialized equipment, funding for the NTF will come from the police budget. Its staff will come from the police. The extra vehicles and equipment will be supplied by the Road Safety Authority, an affiliate of the Transport Ministry."

It is expected that a proposed 2 per cent surcharge on petrol sales will also go towards maintaining the NTF, along with its other objectives, such as pumping funds into road-building and maintenance. These have come to a virtual standstill because of state budget cut-backs.

"This is a real breakthrough in our uphill fight against road accidents," Corfu told reporters. "I expect the Traffic Police to grow in coming years."

He added that a special Treasury

fund of IS2.7 billion has been allocated for use in the coming fiscal year to improve four out of the country's 13 most dangerous stretches of roadway. The four are the Ashdod-Ashkelon, Acro-Nabariya, Rosh Pina-Kiryat Shmona and Kastina-Beersheba highways.

The Road Safety Committee has also approved a proposal by Interior Ministry director general Haim Kubersky for a special fund for repairing city streets. The money would come from a share of the motor vehicle licensing fees that by law are transferred to local authorities.

Corfu also said that beginning with the next school year, safety education training in most primary and secondary schools will be upgraded, from one hour a month to one hour a week.

Meanwhile Moshe Amirav, director of the Safety Administration of the Transport Ministry, said yesterday that 4,449 children and youths were injured in traffic accidents last year. An additional 106 lost their lives. Amirav said that 2,610 of those injured were 14 years of age and under, and about half of those injured were pedestrians.

Amirav released the figures in connection with Safety on the Roads Day today, which will be marked in educational institutions throughout the country.

## Treasury denies millions promised Tami

Post Economic Reporter

Treasury officials denied yesterday that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad promised Tami MKs IS500 million to ensure that they voted for the budget in the Knesset plenum.

Yesterday Tami activists in the Knesset declared that Cohen-Orad

verbally promised them some IS300m. for the Labour Ministry budget and another IS200m. for Tami-affiliated institutions.

But Finance Ministry officials insisted that the meeting between Tami MKs and Cohen-Orad lasted only five minutes and that no sums were promised.

## Summer time means later sabbath buses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With the introduction of summer time on May 5, Saturday night buses will start after 8 p.m., causing hardship for some passengers.

This was stated by Egged chairman Shlomo Amar yesterday at a news conference here. He said, however, that the cooperative would not break the law concerning sabbath transport, and would not "make an issue" of the matter.

Amar said that Egged would lose some money if the ban on sabbath public transport were rigidly enforced, but "the real losers will be the passengers."

Transport Minister Haim Corfu, earlier this week promised the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Yisrael party that

he would enforce the sabbath ban more rigorously.

Gavriel Shemes, spokesman for the Dan bus cooperative, which operates in the Tel Aviv area, said that his company would also obey the law.

Amar stated that Egged had cut its manpower by 500 since the beginning of the year to a workforce of 9,800. The cooperative had improved its efficiency and would continue to do so, he said.

Responding to a story in *The Jerusalem Post* that Dan would be permitted to extend its operations to Rishon LeZion, Amar said his company would resist such "encroachment on our territory." He called for the unification of the two cooperatives into a "positive monopoly."

## Prayer day to protest sabbath desecration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Chief Rabbinate council decided yesterday to hold a "public day of prayer" on Monday as part of the struggle against desecration of the sabbath.

Special prayers will be recited at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on that day, the eve of the new moon of the month of Nissan.

The council also decided to set up a committee, headed by the chief rabbi of Rehovot, Simha Hakohen Kook, to organize an assembly of rabbis from all over the country to discuss the "spread of Shabbat desecration in Israel's cities."

HAIFA EXERCISES. — A civil defence exercise is to take place in the Haifa area today.

## Concorde due today at Ben-Gurion Airport

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A British Airways Concorde is to land today at Ben-Gurion Airport, the first supersonic passenger plane to do so.

The Concorde flight from London is due to take 2½ hours, as compared with the 4½ hours the journey takes a subsonic plane.

It will not use full power on the flight here, so as not to violate anti-noise regulations over Europe.

The plane is to bring 80 people, who are to board the Queen Elizabeth luxury liner at Haifa on its way around the world from New York to Southampton. Seventy passengers arriving in Haifa on the liner will board the Concorde at 4 p.m. for the return flight to London.



Defence Minister Moshe Arens learns about the controls of a Cobra helicopter while visiting helicopter units of the Israel Air Force on Tuesday. (Defence Ministry photo)

## Fuel prices up 14 per cent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The price of fuels went up 14 per cent at midnight. Announcing this, the Ministry of Energy spokeswoman said last night that the increases were made in coordination with the Treasury.

She said the increases conform with the ministry's policy of adjusting fuel prices to the devaluation of the shekel in dollar terms.

The Knesset Water Subcommittee yesterday approved a 35 per cent hike in the price of water. The increase will bring the minimum water fee for agriculture to IS14.5 per cubic metre.

Prices for domestic consumption will be IS51 for the first eight cubic metres, IS80.50 for the next eight, and IS129.50 for every additional cubic metre.

The hike will take effect after being published in the official gazette.

The new fuel prices in shekels are (including value added tax):

	New	Old
Petrol 91	93	82
Petrol 96	109	96
Diesel	74.40	65.30
Kerosene	77.60	68.10
Domestic gas (12 kilo canister)	1,480	1,300

## Tomato prices up, to rise still higher

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The retail price of vegetables went up during the past week and is expected to rise by another 10 to 15 per cent during the next two to three weeks as Pessah approaches.

The warm winter weather is the main reason for the rise, Simha Ofer, the general manager of the Vegetable Production and Marketing Board (VPMB) told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. Most of the vegetables ripened earlier than usual, causing surpluses during January and February. But now there is a shortage, he said.

The VPMB recommended retail prices are (per kilogram): tomatoes, IS90-110; cucumbers, IS120-140; eggplant, IS110-130; green peppers, IS100-120; carrots IS70-80; onions IS65-75; and potatoes IS70-75.

Offer was also confident farmers will not plant fewer vegetable crops, but the picture will be clearer only in about two weeks, he said. Two months ago there was concern that many farmers would stop planting vegetables because of the economic crisis in agriculture.

What is certain is that there will be enough tomatoes this summer, because the VPMB recently signed an agreement with farmers to supply 300,000 tons of tomatoes to the processing plants. Usually some of these tomatoes make their way to the markets and bring prices down, he said.

Offer also said that because of a shortage of potatoes in Europe this past winter, Israel exported about 15,000 tons there and hopes to export another 5,000 tons. He said the farmers are getting about \$300-\$350 f.o.b. per ton, which he called "quite a good price."

## Court rules that suspect may be named

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The Tel Aviv District Court on Tuesday ruled that the magistrates court did not have the authority to prohibit the publication of a fortnight ago of the name of a company executive who is suspected of fraud.

District Court Judge Arye Even-Ari ruled that there is no law that permits the prohibition of the publication of a suspect's name and said his decision, including the suspect's name, could be published.

The defendant's lawyer said he would appeal to the Supreme Court against the district court's judgement and asked that the suspect's name not be published until the Supreme Court issues its ruling. The

journalists covering the affair agreed not to publish the name for 48 hours.

## Marseille mayor to visit Haifa at beginning of May

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Marseille Mayor Gaston Defferre, who is also France's interior minister, is to visit here at the beginning of May, the municipality spokesman reported yesterday.

Marseille and Haifa have been "winning" for the past 22 years. During his visit, Defferre is expected to discuss several joint projects with Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel.

## Police rap news media over Hefetz affair

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The press came under sharp attack at yesterday's conference of the Tel Aviv district police. Addressing the assembled officers, district commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman accused the media of "one-sided coverage" of the recent Hefetz affair.

"They are involved in throwing mud and garbage in all directions, including at veteran police officers," Turgeman said.

He added that, in part, the press had been used by people who were attempting to harm the district force.

Tel Aviv police central department commander Nitzav-Mishne Assaf Hefetz was suspended two weeks ago on suspicion of leaking

intelligence information to the press. The information reportedly concerned the attempted attack on Jerusalem's Temple Mount two months ago and the allegation that a high-ranking officer had ordered that the information should not be acted upon.

The Hefetz affair and the media's role in it were also dealt with by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat and police inspector-general Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivzani. Lahat advised the police to keep their soul-searching within their own ranks, saying that only criminals and the media can rejoice at the recent adverse publicity.

Quoting the members of the Knesset Law Committee, Ivzani described the atmosphere surrounding the Hefetz affair as a "lynching." It is not difficult to make news, he said, but the news

concerning the affair was "dripping poison and lies." Nevertheless, he said, the image of the police is good, despite the long and intensive campaign to spoil it.

Most of Turgeman's speech dealt with a review of the district police's activities over the past year. The most urgent problem, he said, is the burgeoning drug trade, with much of the merchandise passing through Tel Aviv on its way south. During the year, Tel Aviv police captured 137 kilograms of hashish, 3.53 kilos of heroin and 854 grams of cocaine.

Ivzani said that the police do not know what to do with all the hashish they have captured. Three tons are still waiting to be destroyed, he said, and the rest had been mixed with cement. He accordingly advised the assembled officers not to "smell walls."

## Ben-Shahar warns of gap with Arabs' GNP

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The economic strength of Egypt, Syria and Jordan is growing faster than that of Israel.

"If this imbalance continues, I wouldn't put too much trust even in a signed peace agreement with Egypt," Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar, former president of Tel Aviv University and the Alignment candidate for finance minister in the last elections, said yesterday. He was speaking at the annual conference of the Israel Management Centre, whose theme was Israel's Economy — Crisis and Solution.

Ben-Shahar noted that in 1950, Israel's gross national product was one-third of Egypt's and in 1973, it was 90 per cent. Today, it has fallen to 70 per cent "and the GNP's of Syria and Jordan are growing rapidly in comparison to Israel's," he added.

He called for a "supreme effort to increase the GNP by 30 per cent in

the next five years, that is, to increase the country's economic growth by \$7 billion a year at the end of these five years."

He did not think this would be possible unless people were ready to face severe hardships, specifically a reduction in the standard of living, and unless the government cut expenditures to the bone.

Ben-Shahar contrasted the 1963-1973 period with the 1973-1983 period. During the first period (when the Alignment was in power) production grew faster than private and public consumption. During the second period the reverse was true, particularly in the last three years, he said. This explained soaring inflation and the increasing balance of payments deficit.

Ben-Shahar warned against putting too much faith in high technology based in military industries. "We have indeed made enormous strides, but the export markets are erratic. These export

markets could demand very favourable credit conditions, which Israel would be hard put to provide."

Shmuel Tamir, former justice minister, said the only solution, "no matter who wins elections," is to set up the broadest possible coalition which could get the economy moving again.

The meeting was opened by acting president Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor. Savidor said the biggest question facing the country is simply one of self control: "Can each individual or company rise above its restricted vision and focus on the overall good of the state?" he asked.

He also said that the productive sector is not growing as fast as the service sector. "Every time a company has a loss it turns to the government for help," he said, and "we live in a democracy where small pressure groups are the tail that wags the dog."

## SHARON-SHAMIR

(Continued from Page One)

nal conflict on the eve of elections. However, if Labour's leaders fight it out among themselves, Levy will probably throw his hat into the ring.

Meanwhile, Shamir has categorically denied Magen's assertion that he approved Sharon's decision to stand for party leadership. Shamir explained that he had said that making such a decision is Sharon's democratic prerogative, but that internal confrontation could harm the party's electoral prospects very much.

Sharon is said to have relayed a message to Shamir saying that even if he loses his bid for leadership, he will not quit Herut, or run on any other list.

Meanwhile, MK Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) announced yesterday that in the coming campaign, his party will not commit itself regarding future coalition partners. In the 1981 elections, the NRP clearly backed the Likud. But this time, Ben-Meir said, its support will go to the large party ready to form a national unity government.

Ben-Meir also expressed opposition to the NRP joining any electoral bloc with the Likud, Tehiya, Tzomet and groups in Gush Emunim. Such an idea has been floated by the Likud's La'am faction and by Tehiya's Geula Cohen.

Tehiya will take up Cohen's idea this week, but thus far, the notion has aroused considerable opposition. The idea has increased fears in Tehiya that she may seek to rejoin Herut, which she left in protest against the Camp David agreements. Since then, and especially after Begin's resignation, she has found Herut more politically congenial.

Tehiya leader Yuval Ne'eman prefers a separate Tehiya ticket and is seeking to convince former chief of staff Raphael Eitan to run on the Tehiya list. Some Tehiya members think Eitan should head the list, but Cohen opposes this. Eitan's Tzomet group is to decide soon on whether to become a political party and whether to run on its own or with Tehiya in the elections.

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The American Consulate General Jerusalem announces that its visa section on 27 Nahal Road, Jerusalem will be closed to the public as of 12.00 noon on Friday, March 30, and will reopen at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 1984, except for those who have immigrant visa appointments.

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## "Toxic wastes dumped without control"

By LIORA MORIEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Toxic wastes are being dumped without control, while the national toxic waste disposal site at Ramat Hovav remains closed nearly two years after it was shut down by court order for insufficient supervision.

Although the site, 12 kilometres south of here, was to have resumed operation next Sunday, the southern district planning commission on Monday turned down plans for its reopening submitted to it by the government's Mivnef-Fasias company last December. The company is responsible for the site.

On Tuesday, the Knesset's Interior Committee met to discuss the problems of the site and was surprised to learn that nothing has happened since its previous meeting on the subject some months ago. At that time, the committee was promised that the site would reopen on April 1.

The committee has set the new opening date for June 1.

However, it is unlikely that the site will be ready by then. *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday. For one thing, many of the officials directly involved did not attend the committee meeting because they reportedly did not know of it.

"The only way to get the site reopened quickly is for industry to apply pressure," Itamar Vilner, an adviser to the Environmental Protection Service, who did attend, told *The Post* yesterday.

A symposium on toxic wastes held recently at Hadassah Hospital's School of Public Health, was told by Uri Aloni, the Health Ministry's chief engineer and a member of the inter-departmental committee in charge of Ramat Hovav, that an unknown, but probably great amount of toxic waste is being dumped in a pirate fashion.

"There are plants that dump their toxic wastes anywhere," he said.

## French composer to audition local birds

Post Music Editor

French composer Olivier Messiaen, who has based many of his compositions on birdsong, will listen to Israeli birds next week with the aid of the Israel Nature Protection Society.

Messiaen, awarded the Wolf Prize for music last year together with Yosef Tal and Vladimir Horowitz, is to arrive Sunday to participate in a series of concerts of his works. On Sunday night, pianist Yvonne Loriod, Messiaen's wife, will give a recital of his compositions at the YMCA auditorium.

conduct the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra with soloists Loriod and soprano Gila Yaron at the Jerusalem Theatre on April 4 and at the Tel Aviv Museum on April 5.

The public is invited to join Messiaen in his bird-listening expeditions (free of charge). A Nature Protection Society-led group will meet at the Knesset Gardens at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Jerusalem. In Tel Aviv, those interested can assemble at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the entrance to the Zoological Garden at Tel Aviv University.

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WITH SOME fellow members of the benevolence committee of the Maadi Women's Guild, I'd been delivering groceries and money to a church in Choubra, Cairo's busiest district.

The black-garbed priest walked back to the car — our car, as it happened, lent once again by my long-suffering husband. The priest took one look at the diplomatic plates with the fateful number 114 — the number of the Israeli Embassy — and said in a horrified tone: "But that's a Jewish car!"

We left him standing there wondering, no doubt, whether to burn the "contaminated" groceries.

This was the only negative reaction I got while I served on the committee for nearly three years. Well, almost the only one. There was the farewell party just before I left. One of my fellow committee members said: "Michelle, with all the good work you have done, you are sure to go to heaven!" and, turning to the others, she asked: "don't you think so?"

A tight-lipped gentleman, pillar of the local church, answered her: "Perhaps, but it would be better if she converted first..."

I hadn't volunteered for the job. The committee was one of the many set up by the Maadi Women's Guild, an admirable organization which provides a lifeline to all the newcomers and publishes the only phone book available in Cairo. But it is closely related to the church. The chairwoman of the committee, an energetic Canadian, had drafted me because I speak French and some Arabic.

Charitable work in Egypt is done mainly by Catholics and Copts who speak French, or by Moslems who speak Arabic. American ladies, as a rule, are long on good will but short on languages. And so I was asked to join. I found the idea intriguing and agreed.

The committee had a sizeable budget to spend — the product of the yearly bazaar held by the guild — and no lack of applicants for the funds. There is always plenty of scope for private enterprise in the

field of benevolence.

We had only one rule: check every request personally. We did this by sending a team of three or four members to investigate. This is how I embarked on an unusual voyage of discovery. I travelled with my team all over Egypt, more often than not in our "Jewish" car. When we had to stay somewhere overnight, my husband came along for moral support and because his Arabic is so much better than mine.

The further we went from Cairo, the less people knew about the difference between Jew and Israeli; but it didn't bother them. What mattered was that foreigners cared enough about their problems to come all the way from Cairo to help.

There was the dying world of the convents, for instance. Here we tend to remember 1956 as the year the last Jews were driven out of Egypt. We tend to forget that alongside them almost one million non-Arabs were thrown out of the country by Nasser. Greek, Italian, French, British.

They left behind them community infrastructures set up over the centuries: churches, convents, hospitals, schools. Ageing priests were left in charge of huge sprawling buildings with no constituency to support them; the few parishioners who stayed on were the old and the very poor.

Then there were the convents, once the fashionable schools of the middle classes. With the departure of their main source of pupils, they were left with spacious dormitories, empty courtyards and no money. Many of these convent schools were turned into orphanages. Out of necessity they had to be self-supporting: growing their own vegetables and poultry, sewing clothes, often running a day school for the children of the emerging class of working women.

Whenever they needed something extra, they turned to what was left of the foreign community for help. This is where the benevolence committee came in.

And so I went, with my team,

## The other Egypt

Doing charitable work in Egypt led Michelle Mazel to embark on an unusual voyage of discovery.



Drawing by Eliahu Elion

from one beleaguered convent hiding behind its high wall to another. I met the same old French, Italian or Spanish nuns, veterans of African and Asian missions, in their stiff, starched habits, always spotless, and working tirelessly from morning to evening. We were offered tea and homemade biscuits in dim parlours with the shutters closed against the fierce sun and the noise, and we listened to their complaints and their hopes.

We gave whatever help was needed. A hundred dollars here to buy a flock of grey hens, very good at laying eggs. Fifty dollars there to buy material to refurbish the mattresses. Three hundred dollars for train fare, so that the whole orphanage could spend two weeks by the sea in another convent. A hundred dollars to buy bride's clothes and a few pieces of furniture for a shy orphan of 18 whose marriage had been arranged but couldn't go to her bridegroom empty-handed.

Not that our work and indeed our help was in any way restricted to churches and convents; I wouldn't have joined if this had been the case. Whoever asked for assistance got it regardless of religious affiliation.

I hasten to say the committee did not assist what was left of the Jewish community; this task had, of course, been taken over by the Israeli Embassy under the energetic direction of Sara Dubek, wife of the deputy head of mission.

From time to time plausible crooks tried to get money out of the committee. Sometimes it worked. Sometimes it didn't.

I remember a pleasant-spoken American, member of a weird sect and leader of a so-called village development programme in the Nile Delta. He told us with great enthusiasm about his projects, and on hearing that I was from Israel, added that he was using many Israeli techniques in his work.

"Like what?" I asked. "Like drip irrigation," he answered. Drip irrigation for a poor village

alongside the Nile seemed an awful waste of money to me. I wondered what expensive crop it was used for and asked the man, "We use it to grow sorghum," he said.

The mention of that humble cereal settled it. He got a polite letter from us — and no money.

Not all our field trips ended in a nice parlour. There was the time we went to the lepers' colony at Abu Zaabel (some of my neighbours did not shake my hands for weeks afterwards). We were donating cupboards for the men's dormitory and a dentist's chair. We did drink tea, standing in the courtyard.

Then there was the eerie world of the garbage cities. Garbage collecting in Cairo is still done by thousands of *zabbaline*. They come to the very door of your flat and take their daily crop, in wooden carts drawn by one or two donkeys, to a series of villages surrounding the metropolis. They live in those villages, huge garbage dumps, with their families, recycling waste and raising pigs on what's left over.

It is difficult to describe the utter desolation of those places. An endless succession of shanties and garbage with children in rags playing in the dirt. This is where you meet the nuns again. They are trying to bring hygiene and education to the children. And, of course, they turn to the foreign community for financial support.

And so to the garbage cities I went, together with fellow members of the committee. Here, again, we were offered tea by smiling nuns oblivious to their surroundings — since there were no shutters to keep out the sun, the noise, the flies and the stench. Here, again, we listened and gave whatever help we could.

Often I felt strange to come home to the prosperous suburb of Maadi where we all lived. It did not seem possible that the places we visited and Maadi were in the same city, barely a few miles apart. It seemed even less possible that so few foreigners knew about the other Egypt.

Though I suppose it is the same all over the world.

## Journey without end

Author Anne Roiphe talks to Marsha Pomerantz about her rediscovery of Judaism — and her book of revelations.

As a child, Roiphe went to Sunday school and was interested in Jewish history. But she was told, when she kept raising her hand, that they wanted to hear from the boys. At age 12 or so, she decided there was nothing in this for her.

Later, Roiphe attended Smith College and Sarah Lawrence. She wore black leotards and sandals, spoke about Sartre, sought the universal, and married — the first time around — a man who wasn't Jewish. They were divorced, and about 20 years ago she married Herman Roiphe, a psychoanalyst and expert in child psychiatry. Between them they have five daughters.

Her first book, published in the late '60s under the name Anne Richardson, was called *Digging Out* and presented her upper-class assimilationist background in a very negative light. Roiphe says Cynthia Ozick attacked it in *Midstream*. "She felt this was not the subject for a novel in America." That it was anti-Semitic.

Roiphe wrote two other novels in

the same vein, then *Up the Sandbox*, which deals with the fantasies of a professor's wife in the playground with her children and which was hailed as a feminist work.

"This was before I knew there was such a thing as a feminist movement," she says. "I could never write such a thing again, without being self-conscious and ideological."

Ideological doesn't make good fiction. Now of Roiphe's feminist writing now is non-fiction, though she is working on a "Jewish fable," set in the *shetl*, from a feminist point of view. A version of it will be published in *Forthcoming*.

Her active interest in Judaism had its inadvertent start about five years ago, when Roiphe wrote a short piece for *The New York Times* Home Section about her family's being Jewish and having a Christmas tree: "In my final paragraph I came to the conclusion that we were making some kind of secular American holiday." It was a matter of "family warmth."

Hanukkah had always distressed

her, Roiphe says. It was a celebration of the miracle of the lights, but "the real miracle would have been for the war not to have happened."

Behind the article, she says, was something about her relationship to God in a post-Holocaust world. Unless life is saved, I'm not impressed.

The response to her article was hundreds of phone calls to the *Times*, death threats to the Roiphe family, "people saying 'I hope your children get cancer,'" Cynthia Ozick wrote a piece the following week, objecting to abandoning Jewish roots.

Ozick, who was also in Israel with the Jewish Awareness delegation, said she had sent Roiphe a longer, more vehement letter in the mail. As she described it, she had been unable to understand that Roiphe's article was written in all innocence.

Roiphe, meanwhile, decided to find out what all the fuss was about. "What Cynthia emphasized in her piece was Jewish learning. If she had emphasized ritual, I would have been less interested."

Roiphe started her reading with Cecil Roth's *History of the Jews*, and Leo Schwartz's *Jewish Caravan*, an extensive collection of fiction. She re-read the Bible, found books about Zionism, about the Holocaust. Reading is best, she says, when a footnote in one book leads you to the next.

She hung around the 92nd Street "Y" (YM-YWHA) and listened to political discussions. Since analysis has been a large part of her life and her husband's, she listened to the arguments about Freud and "what kind of Jew he was."

The result: "Now, several years later, I'm a moderately well-educated Jewish person."

When she started her research, Roiphe thought she had the material for a long article. She ended up writing a book. Finally, she discovered, "I wanted very much to have a connection with Jewish destiny and peoplehood. The religious question remained ambiguous for me, but tradition is important."

Her "ideal Judaism" would be "feminist, politically concerned with other people, particular but

without losing the universal." What she's found since writing the book is that it exists, in several communities in New York, within the Conservative movement, "particularly as it becomes more feminist."

Roiphe is enthusiastic about what she's seen on her trip here, aware of the problems and unwilling to make any definitive statement after a 10-day whirlwind tour. "I'm still a pacifist," she says, "but I'm more of a pacifist in New York."

She is determined to make some kind of political contribution to the understanding of Israel in the U.S.

"My offhand end-of-the-trip exhausted feeling is that we have to keep telling about everything — on all sides. Everything heard should be heard again and taken apart." The forum for that, she says, can range from "six people having dinner together to public debate and debate in the press."

During her visit here, someone asked her why she had studied Yeats and not Bialik. The answer: She'd never heard of him.

"On the Sarah Lawrence campus, that didn't exist. For my children, it exists. At least they have options."

## Women's news

MAY is going to be the month for international symposia and study tours of special interest to women. Two events, which are both expected to draw speakers and participants from abroad, are being planned — one by the International Association of Women and Home Page Journalists (AIJPF), and the other by the office of Minister-without-Portfolio Sara Doron.

Under the auspices of the National Federation of Israel Journalists, the AIJPF's 11th Congress will focus on the topic "The Press, Health and Well-being." and will be held from May 13 to 16, followed by a four-day tour of the country. According to Lily Tasso, a Canadian journalist who is president of the AIJPF, the aim of the conference is to "determine our sources of infor-

mation (on health and well-being) and to determine how best to treat them in our interviews, our stories, investigations and on our pages."

The congress will take place at the Astoria Hotel in Tel Aviv. Lectures and discussions are scheduled on subjects such as information: physical and mental health; nutritional, medical care; and fertility.

From May 28 through May 30, Doron's office, together with Tel Aviv University's Institute for Interdisciplinary Research of the Jewish Family Heritage, is organizing the first of what the minister hopes will be an annual series of symposia, on the university campus. The event is entitled "1984 International Symposium on the Jewish Family."

Highlights will be keynote

speeches on "The Role of the Woman in the Family Today," by Doron; by Jim Guy Tucker, chairman of the White House Conference on the Family; and by Georgina Dufoix, a French secretary of state. There will also be talks on "Changes in the Jewish Family" in Canada, in the U.S., and in Latin America. Workshop leaders will include educators, demographers, family planning experts and representatives of Jewish organizations. A study tour of the country is planned for the last day.

(For more details regarding the AIJPF Congress, contact: AIJPF 11th Congress, POB 50006, Tel Aviv 61500. For information on the second symposium, write: "The Jewish Family" Secretariat, c/o Atzeret Ltd., POB 3888, Jerusalem 91037.) A.L.

AN ACCOUNT of my experience of

undergoing a pap smear test at a hospital appeared in "Today" recently. I told how I was presented with a form containing questions which I considered an intrusion into my privacy. The questions were all related to my sex life, which has nothing to do with anyone but me.

I had some encouraging phone calls from friends after that article appeared, but the repercussions were far greater. Dr. Aviva Ron, in charge of the Kupat Holim Clalit department of statistics, which drew up the form, decided that changes should be made.

Now there are to be two forms which any woman undergoing a pap smear test will be required to fill in. The first one, with name and identity number, will refer only to the medical aspects of the test and will be handed to the nurse on duty. The second will ask the same sex questions which I found offensive but will be anonymous.

According to Dr. Alexander Schechter, head of the gynecological cytology clinic at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, it is impossible to do the necessary research without asking these questions.

"Cancer of the cervix is only a sexual disease," he said. "This is recognised by all scientists."

He also pointed out that his department has pushed for greater awareness of the need to test for cervical cancer and has gone all over the country doing the test, entirely without payment. "We have tested over 70,000 women in the last few years," he told me.

The new forms have been approved by Kupat Holim and are awaiting the final seal of approval from the legal department.

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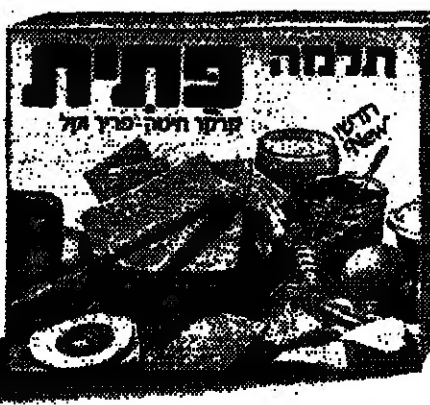


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## Synthetic fuels may still play a major role

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

The synthetic fuel fever that broke out in many industrialized countries when oil prices took a second big jump in 1979/80, has now cooled down in most places, with oil prices on the decline. Some experts, however, still insist that in the long run "synfuels" will play a major role in reducing dependence on crude oil by replacing petrol as a fuel for motor vehicles.

One such expert, Pincas Yawetz, an energy consultant based in New York, is willing to go farther. In a recent interview in Jerusalem he argued that to make real progress towards reducing dependence on crude oil, it is not sufficient to develop synfuels that will work in existing combustion systems. Rather, the way to a real breakthrough lies in developing new energy systems in tandem with new fuels.

Yawetz was born in Israel and

studied chemistry at the Hebrew University in the late 1950s, where he was introduced to the possibilities of oil shale as a synthetic fuel. He went full-time into the energy field in 1973, and later worked as a researcher and consultant at the Hudson Institute in New York, founded by the late Herman Kahn.

Under Kahn's guidance, the Hudson Institute was instrumental in stimulating new thinking in a variety of areas, among them energy. Yawetz said that Kahn's basic approach, which he has tried to follow, was "never take anything for granted and always make the strongest statement that you can defend."

True to his mentor's approach, Yawetz concluded from a recent field study in New Zealand, which has natural gas but no oil, that this country has "missed an opportunity

to become the first nation really independent of imported petroleum."

New Zealand is now investing \$3 billion in a plan devised jointly with Mobil Oil Company to produce synthetic petrol from natural gas. This, Yawetz noted, will entail changes in New Zealand's refineries to enable it to produce more diesel fuel, but it will also make that country into an exporter of petrol.

Yawetz proposed that with the same investment, New Zealand could have switched to a motor fuel system based on compressed natural gas (CNG) and methanol, both synthetic fuels. That would have required using part of the money for modifications in vehicle and other engines, but it would have freed the economy of dependence on diesel fuel as well as petrol, and would have enabled New Zealand to "shut down its refinery as well as stop importing petroleum."

Under Yawetz's scheme, New Zealand's natural gas could have been turned into CNG, which is stored in special pressurized tanks and is used to power 300,000 cars today around the world, including 250,000 in Italy. In the U.S., several commercial vehicle fleets have started to use CNG. Vehicles in New Zealand that would be used in areas far from gas supplies could use methanol, Yawetz said, which is produced from natural gas in two chemical operations.

Total conversion to synfuels and to the modified engines that would use them "would have opened the way to future uses of methanol, ethanol, and fuel gases produced from a long list of new sources such as biomass, coal, as well as fuels from new sources of gas."

What is Israel's potential for synfuel development?

The oil shale now being tested for various uses at an experimental plant in the Negev offers some possibilities, he said. Instead of burning it directly to produce steam for generating electricity, the shale could be gasified and used like CNG. Possibilities for converting plants into ethyl alcohol (ethanol) through fermentation are much more remote, he ventured, although there are precedents for using citrus fruit to make ethanol.



Fresh and pickled quail eggs are among the exotic agricultural products displayed by Moshe Caspi of Moshav Herut at his stand in this week's Food and Food Packaging '84 and Caterer '84 exhibitions at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds, which are closing on Saturday night. Caspi also displays a variety of unusual fruits and vegetables, and fresh spices. He sells the quail eggs mainly to hotels and restaurants. Fair hours are 5 to 10 p.m. and after the Sabbath until 10 p.m. (Ya'acov Katz)

## Hopes that Isratech-84 will attract 1,000 foreign visitors

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — At least 20 former Israelis who have struck it rich in the U.S. are expected to attend Isratech-84, the seventh Israel Technology Week, which will open here on May 31.

"I've met four of them," says Reuven Livny, coordinator of the exhibition, who is director of the industrial products division of the Export Institute. "And I've heard from reliable sources that at least another 16, including four from Silicon Valley in California, will attend. All are interested in investing in Israeli technological firms. And there is no altruism or philanthropy involved in their visit."

Between 800 and 1,000 buyers, potential investors and businessmen interested in joint ventures or in Israeli R & D, will attend. There were only 700 visitors at the last Israel Technology Week.

The biggest delegation, between 250-300 persons, is coming from the U.S. "They are keenly interested in Israeli developments in the field of electronics, industrial machinery and equipment, especially since

talks on establishing a free trade zone between Israel and the U.S. are proceeding satisfactorily. They believe that if Israeli goods can enter the U.S. without any customs duty whatsoever, these goods will have a considerable competitive edge over those from other countries."

Livny adds that many Israelis in high-technology have trained in the U.S. and upon their return here brought American methods with them. This also will help Israeli goods to fit into the American scene.

The second-largest delegation, from 80 to 100 persons, is expected from France. Most are not Jewish. Livny also notes that the biggest number of visitors, of course, will be Israelis interested to see what their country produces. As in former years, many will discover that instead of having to import items, they can buy them made in Israel. But since there is an inadequate information network functioning in Israel, they know more about foreign goods than about Israeli products.

## Country needs revised order of priorities, says Meshel

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel yesterday spelled out a "comprehensive, wide-ranging economic policy with a revised order of priorities," which, he said, is the only solution to Israel's economic problems.

Addressing the annual conference of the Israel Management Centre here, Meshel emphasized that the Histadrut will not agree to a new "package deal" with the government and the employers in the prevailing circumstances. Such an agreement would only mean "the freezing of workers' wages along with a demand that they relinquish the compensation for wage erosion due to them as result of the finance minister's policies."

What is needed, he said, is a comprehensive new policy. This would

be made up of a monthly cost-of-living allowance, revised tax brackets in line with the payment of Co-L allowance, a rise in child allowances, guaranteed employment, guaranteed housing for the needy, and guaranteed state services in education, health and welfare.

Meshel also called for the upgrading of workers' salaries to the level of October last year.

Meshel reviewed the policies of the four Likud finance ministers since the "economic upheaval" of 1977. Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, in imposing cuts on workers, had ignored the agreements binding the Treasury, the Histadrut and the employees, Meshel said. These agreements bound the three to work together to bring about the recovery of the economy and to guarantee employment.

## Tests with heat-absorbing walls

Post Knesset Reporter

The Ministry of Housing and Construction is conducting experiments in exploiting solar energy for heating and cooling buildings. Minister David Levy told the Knesset this week.

Reporting on his ministry's activities, in the context of the budget debate, he said that at Ma'ale Adumim savings were effected by building a kindergarten whose south wall was made of material that absorbed the sun's rays and transmitted the heat throughout the building.

In Beit She'an and Yeroham,

buildings have been constructed with installations on the roof for absorbing the sun's energy for heating and cooling. The efficiency of these systems is now being examined, Levy said.

In buildings of the Prazot company in Jerusalem, the thermal insulation of walls in old houses has been improved by the use of various techniques and materials.

In the debate, Rafael Edri (Alignment) called for concentrating all housing and popularizing activities in a single authority, industrializing the housing branch, and a real popular rental-housing scheme.

## Average inflation in Europe 7.9%

LUXEMBOURG (AP). — The average inflation rate in the ten European Community nations was 7.9 per cent last month, the lowest since December, 1978, the EC statistical agency Eurostat said this week.

"However, it should be underlined that this figure still remains far above the rates in the U.S. and Japan," Eurostat added. Inflation in

these countries is about 4 and 3 per cent.

Taking into account last month's price rises, Eurostat reported the following annual inflation rates for each EC nation: West Germany, 3.1 per cent; Netherlands, 3.5; Great Britain, 5.1; Denmark, 6.3; Belgium, 7.1; Luxembourg, 7.8; France, 9.0; Italy, 12, and Greece, 18.8 per cent.

## Mizrahi Bank affiliate lost IS\$38m. last year

By MACABEE DEAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Mizrahi Bank for Industry and Agriculture, a member of the Mizrahi group, lost IS\$38.1 million in 1983, compared to a profit of IS\$11.8m. the previous year. (Both figures are adjusted for inflation.) In nominal terms, however, net profits grew by 220 per cent and stood at IS\$9.5m.

The bank's assets grew to

IS\$4,032m., which is a nominal growth of 277 per cent but a real growth of 37 per cent.

The bank granted loans totalling IS\$26m. in 1983, compared with IS\$24m. the year before.

The bank approved, but has not yet fully implemented, loans for a total of IS\$9.5m. during 1983; this compares with loans approved (and mainly implemented) of IS\$4m. for 1982.

## Bilateral social security pact due for signature

Jerusalem Post Staff

A social security agreement between Switzerland and Israel is due to be signed this week in Jerusalem, the National Insurance Institute announced. The pact relates to payments by the national insurance institutes of either country to those people who are eligible and residing in the other country.

## New bus tickets good for indefinite use

Jerusalem Post Staff

Starting Sunday, bus drivers will sell multiple-ride bus tickets that will not expire with new price hikes and can be used without adding any extra fee.

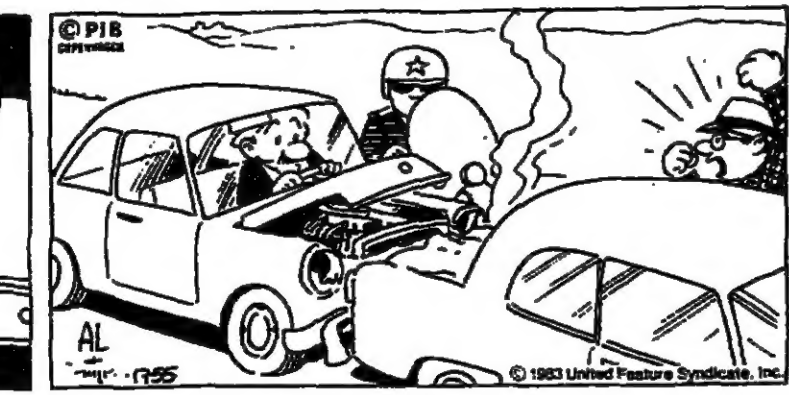
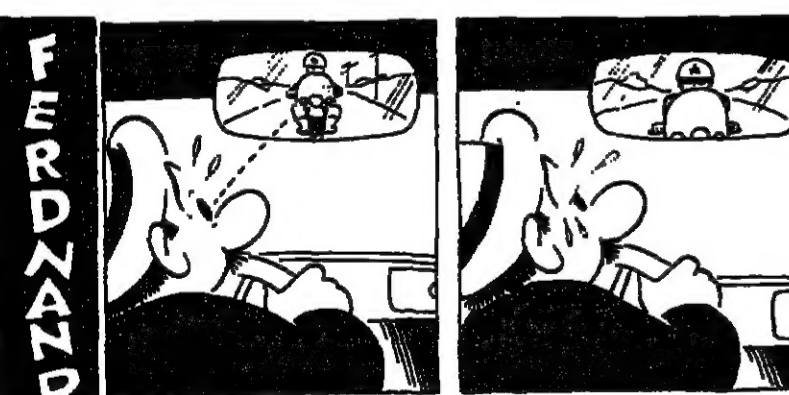
The new ticket must be used a specified number of times — three for children; four for pensioners; and five on regular tickets — before the next price rise. The rest of the punch-slots can be used without ad-

ding any extra fee, until the ticket is used up.

The current multiple tickets, dating from March 18, can be used until the next price rise.

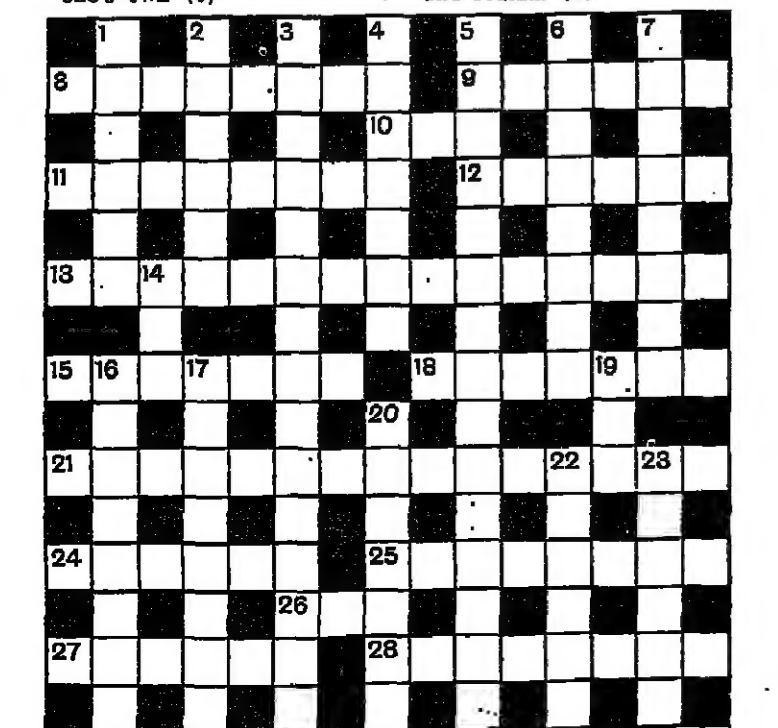
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## General Share Index up 2.26 per cent

TEL AVIV. — As corporations and individuals were selling equities yesterday to square their books in advance of the end of the fiscal year, others were in the market buying in anticipation of a strong market in April. On balance, the buyers had the best of it, as the General Share Index, commercial banks excluded, was up by 2.26 per cent.

Nearly all sectors of trading were on the upside, with financial institu-

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By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

tion, real estate and land development, and industrial issues leading the way. An additional positive aspect, bolstering the market, was the setting of an election date for

the fourth week in July. "At least we now have a definite period during which we can expect moderate economic policies. It's not likely that the finance minister will set off any shock waves during the pre-election period," said one market analyst.

The index-linked bond market reawakened; as is the custom during the last days of every month. Moreover, it seems that more and more individuals are awakening to the fact that the initial predictions of a March index of 1.4 per cent are way off target. Prices of index-linked bonds moved ahead smartly and advanced by the maximum allowable 3 per cent. Trading turnovers were in excess of 15620 million.

The shekel was devalued by the nominal amount of 15 agorot against the dollar.

Bank shares not included in the "agreement" had a fine session. The Maritime Bank and First International shares all carved out gains of 10 per cent.

Mortgage banks were moderately lower. Mishkan was 8.1 per cent lower. The Carmel Mortgage Bank option was shocked for a 30.2 per cent loss.

Insurance issues were highly volatile, with prices moving sharply in both directions. However, losers held the upper hand, as the group declined by more than 2 per cent. Zur and Zion Holdings 5 were 10 per cent winners, while Reinsurance 0.1 and Zion Holdings 1 were being clipped for 15 per cent losses.

Computer issues were clearly lower. Yane 1 was listed as "sellers only" for the second session and will trade today without any price limitations. Clal Computers declined by 10.5 per cent, as Nikov 5 fell by an even 10 per cent.

There was strong demand for land development, real estate and citrus issues. Ten per cent gains were chalked up by Africa-Israel 1, Ben-Yakar, Drucker 5, Bayside 0.1, M.T.M. 5, Modul Cement and Rassco preferred.

Industrial issues were in good form and price gains of up to 10 per cent were recorded. Oil issues continued to move up but the gains were selective. The quotations were not available last night.

Most active stocks	Change	% change
Leumi	2528	47.144.7m. n.c.
IDB	5878	36.043.9m. n.c.
Mizrahi	2424	25.527.1m. n.c.
Shares traded:	15,925.0m.	
Convertible:	15.29.7m.	
Bonds:	15.620.3m.	

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<b>Commercial Banks</b>				<b>Hotels, Tourism</b>				<b>Textiles and Clothing</b>				<b>Haifa Chemicals</b>							
(not part of "arrangement")																			
ORR r	2500	38	+210	+9.2	Gali Zohar 1	906	n.c.	—	Ork	195	b.o.1	+9	—	Haifa Chemicals 1342	108	+12	+2.9		
Maritime 0.1	890	1533	+81	+0	Gali Zohar 2	290	117	-30	-6.7	Offic	146	212	-1	-5.1	Teva r	3999	64	+99	+2.5
Maritime 0.5	43	6225	+31	+9.9	Dan Hotels 1	860	50	+24	+2.9	Baruch 1	560	17	+25	+4.7	Teva B	4570	3	+280	+6.5
N. American 1	5970	26	n.c.	—	Dan Hotels 2	499	150	+11	+2.3	Lipky 1	350	20	+10	+2.9	Lipky op	330	10	n.c.	—
N. American 5	4863	101	37	8	Coral Beach	485	195	-16	-3.2	Baruch 2	530	20	+10	+2.9	Dead Sea r	1812	544	+80	+4.8
N. am. op 1	3960	69	20	-0.5	Kenes	364	60	-24	+10.0	Baruch 3	239	45	+20	+9.1	Petrochemicals	497	1308	+37	+8.0
Donot 1	no trading				Yarden Hotel	261	46	-14	-5.1	Alaska Sport 1	381	3	n.c.	—	Maxima 1	235	83	+5	+2.2
Donot 2	no trading				Yarden Hotel 2	151	131	—	-3	Alaska Sport 2	281	3	n.c.	—	Maxima 5	160	110	-14	-5.1
Donot 3	no trading				Yahalom	276	92	-30	-6.8	Eitan op	80	404	+10	+14.0	Maxima op	120	133	+7	+5.7
Firs Int'l 0.5	598	4319	+54	+9.9	Yahalom op	225	169	-10	-4.3	Argaman r	1000	5	-74	-6.9	Neca Chem.	300	322	-27	-9.9
FIBI 0.5	no trading									Ala B 1	101	487	-2	-2.4	Sano 1	888	15	+8	+9.1

Commercial Banks			Computers			Metals and Metal Products			Wood, Paper, Printing		
(part of "arrangement")											
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IDB R 1	6000	6	n.c.	—	—						
IDB R 2	37000	n.c.	—	—	—						
IDB op 1	4390	164	—	110	—	2.4					
Union 0.1	1840	11	n.c.	—	—	—					
Discount B	7570	70	+50	+7							
Discount B 1	865	54	n.c.	—	—	—					
Discount B 2	2424	1053	n.c.	—	—	—					
Mizrahi	2424	22	n.c.	—	—	—					
Mizrahi op 1	4500	1525	—50	—1.1	—	—					
Mizrahi op 2	1840	189	+75	+4.3	—	—					
Mizrahi op 3	20000	—	n.c.	—	—	—					
Mizrahi op 4	1145	37	n.c.	—	—	—					
Hapoalim	5188	3	n.c.	—	—	—					
Hapoalim 1	4010	50	n.c.	—	—	—					
Hapoalim 2	4010	114	n.c.	—	—	—					
Hapoalim 3	16000	1	n.c.	—	—	—					
Hapoalim 4	10250	19	n.c.	—	—	—					
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## A sorry compromise

THE COALITION and opposition, in setting July 23 as election day, have knowingly disenfranchised tens of thousands of citizens. Obviously, the political convenience of the parties counts more than the citizenry.

Since July and August are the two months of school holidays, when Israelis go abroad in droves, setting elections smack in the middle of this period is a unique display of insensitivity. It would be difficult to find another democratic country where parties would so thumb their noses at voters on the eve of an election campaign.

The accepted wisdom that Labour may be more hurt by such a summer election than the Likud may not be true. There is no known measure of the political preferences of this year's traveller crop.

But even if that is so, it is puzzling why Mr. Peres submitted to the Likud blandishments for a later July poll. He could just as easily have opted to remain firm on behalf of an earlier date, and in the face of Likud resistance, have taken the issue to the Knesset plenum. Such a show of firmness would not have done him or his party any harm.

In theory, the Knesset plenum still has a chance to review and even overturn the decision taken by the two big parties. Such independence, however, is too much to expect.

Perhaps Dr. Burg, so proud of his complicated election machinery which makes quick elections impossible, should be persuaded to emplace early polling booths at the Ben-Gurion airport departure lounge. The results could also be sent abroad, guarded under lock and key, and brought back on July 23.

Failing that the Knesset members, so adept at arranging vote pairing when they are abroad, could work out a system to permit travelling citizens to pair their votes as well.

Outlandish? Yes, but no more than the date of July 23, unless, of course, it was chosen to help Egypt celebrate the anniversary of Nasser's revolution.

## Patt's brainstorm

LIKE MOST of his colleagues, the Minister of Industry and Trade, Gideon Patt, has restricted his contribution to the shaping of economic policy to supporting whatever position happened to be held by each of the four finance ministers which the Likud government has had — and regardless of how contradictory these policies were.

Now, at this late political hour, when he is already a member of a lame duck government, and when two days are left until the current wage agreements expire, he has decided to show originality. He wants to "dollarize" wages — retroactively, by fixing them at their dollar equivalent of two years ago. This stroke of Mr. Patt's verbal sword would cut the Gordian knot that ties wages to prices, savings to the exchange rate, the exchange rate to prices again, and so forth, in the well-known vicious circle of universal linkage.

It is the universal linkage, Mr. Patt has discovered, that produces the illusion of runaway inflation. A team he has appointed in his ministry has found that domestic prices, when translated into dollars, have not risen in the last two years. In fact they have fallen by 0.6 per cent. Inflation, therefore, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

It seems to have escaped Mr. Patt's notice, that the virtual stability of domestic prices, when translated into dollars, merely means that the devaluation of the shekel has kept pace with domestic inflation, and that this constant devaluation is one of the main mechanisms of the linkage system that, in Mr. Patt's view, produces the "illusion" of inflation.

Mr. Patt had better think again. He confuses the causes of inflation with the mechanism of linkage which, by protecting everyone who might be hurt by the tax that inflation really is, makes the process go on. The minister also doesn't seem to be aware of how the inflationary tax is paid.

Since nearly all domestic income and wealth is protected from inflation by the linkage system, the price is paid by a deterioration of the balance of payments and a vast increase in our external debt — by now, nearly \$24b. Under former finance minister Yoram Aridor, whom Mr. Patt supported ardently, this process was accelerated to the point where insolvency stared us in the face.

No. Our inflation, although itself inflated by the all-embracing indexation system, is real enough, and its causes are tangible. Within two days, the figures for the government's money printing in March will be released. The amount will be in the neighbourhood of IS30b. It is this cash which the Treasury relentlessly pumps into the economy that chases after a supply of goods and services that can be increased to match the demand only by spending more foreign currency on imports. It is currency we do not earn, and can no longer borrow as easily as before.

If Mr. Patt now wants to break the vicious circle by severing wages from the movement of domestic prices (that is, from the cost of living), he has chosen the one linkage that always lags behind inflation. Since the excess demand created mainly by the government can no longer be satisfied by letting the balance of payments deteriorate, Mr. Patt wants wage earners to pay the inflationary tax.

He probably does not have to be told that it wouldn't work even if the winds of the coming elections were not already blowing strong. That, however, is no cause to come up with windy ideas.

# FUELLING COSTS

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

ISRAEL'S ENERGY economy has developed an acute case of bastardized liberalism, which forces consumers to pay the "real" price for the fuel they consume, but leaves almost intact the cartels and monopolies that supply the fuel and allows them to escape the rigours of competition.

These thoughts came to mind recently as I listened to a survey of Israel's energy policy by the director-general of the Energy Ministry, Uriel Lynn. He was very insistent that subsidies for fuel or electricity have led to excessive consumption and waste, which meant millions of dollars thrown away.

The fluctuations in consumer demand caused during the last three years by high fuel subsidies have had a further negative impact, he said. The unpredictable shifts in demand made it much harder to plan for future power needs. Miscalculations here, such as rushing to build new power plants before we need them, can waste hundreds of millions of dollars.

Only a stable pricing policy based on the "real" cost of fuel to the consumer can provide a sound basis for planning and for efficient use of the expensive imported fuel, Lynn concluded.

So far, so good, at least in terms of the stringent energy pricing that the ministry has only been able to implement in the last few months, following the profligate years of Aridorian economics. Aridor's high subsidies and artificially low devaluations produced a situation that was too "liberal" to the consumer, whereas Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has all along championed a "Liberal" policy that makes the consumer pay the full cost for what he uses.

On the supplier side of the equation, however, Lynn noted that it is composed mostly of government corporations or private companies subject to extensive state regulation. This includes the distributors of cooking gas, the oil companies (Paz, Sonol and Delek) that purchase crude oil abroad and market it to consumers, and the oil refineries.

This structure of state-owned or regulated cartels and monopolies developed, Lynn explained, due to the country's almost total dependence on imported fuel, security problems, and a preference for stability in the energy sector that enables careful planning of the country's fuel needs. The ministry's policy today is to

accept this structure almost as it has been inherited, except for certain recent changes in the import and marketing of fuel, that may perhaps lead to a certain amount of competition between the oil companies.

WHAT THIS boils down to is that the ministry is prepared to be Liberal with consumers, while maintaining a supply regime of cartels and monopolies that would make any socialist regime beam with pride.

How much competition would be good for the supply side of the energy sector is an interesting question, but one that cannot be discussed here. What can and should be addressed is what Lynn failed to mention: the weighty public and moral responsibility that the current energy regime imposes on the ministry.

He did say that this structure required an elaborate system of "cost-plus" arrangements, whereby the companies receive what amounts to a state guarantee that their costs will be covered by the prices they charge, plus a certain percentage of profit.

So if consumers are to be saddled with the "real" costs of cooking gas, petrol, etc., who is supposed to determine what these costs really are? Who is supposed to make sure that what the companies report as "real" costs do not include elements of waste, padding and other manipulations that go to support inefficiency and increase profit margins by stealth? Cost-plus arrangements throughout the world are notorious for types of abuse and waste.

The answer to these questions is simple: It is the Energy Ministry's job to supervise the companies subject to the cost-plus system and to determine that what they make the consumer pay reflects the most efficient utilization of their resources. Does the ministry have the tools and the clout to accomplish this job? The answer here, too, is relatively simple: No, it doesn't. Lately, however, the situation has been slowly improving.

THE LINCHPIN of the ministry's efforts to supervise some of the main components in the cost-plus system — the three oil companies and the refineries — is the Fuel Administration. It is therefore all the more disturbing to note that this unit of the ministry has been the subject of some scathing criticism during the

last three years in the state comptroller's reports.

For example, in 1981 it was found that Paz, Delek and Sonol had profited considerably from massive subsidies that did not appear in the state budget, and from cheap credit in foreign currency that was greatly in excess of their requirements for buying and storing oil. This came about, the comptroller found, because the Fuel Administration was lax in its supervision of the oil companies and did not press them hard enough for the data it needed for determining if their prices reflected their real costs.

During the following year, the State Control Committee of the Knesset held a series of hearings on the Fuel Administration, and concluded that "the present system does not permit proper governmental and parliamentary supervision of the fuel sector." This was all the more serious, the committee noted, because the companies' operations entailed virtually no economic risk.

A follow-up report by the comptroller a year later showed that the Fuel Administration had not been especially cooperative in the efforts of the Bank of Israel to impose tighter controls over the use of the cheap credit in foreign currency received by the companies.

The comptroller's report for this year turned its attention to the operations of the oil refineries, a government corporation. The comptroller again scored the Fuel Administration for using excessively liberal criteria to determine the prices that the refineries charge the oil companies. The procedures followed by the administration have needlessly increased the cost of fuels, the report concluded and this has been passed on to the consumer.

EVEN THOUGH some of these deficiencies seem to have been corrected, the issues raised here are not entirely water under the bridge. A classic problem of public administration arises: Who regulates the regulators? Or in this case, who is supposed to look over the shoulder of the Fuel Administration?

The responsibility falls on the officials in the ministry's research and planning unit, but they have been stymied for years in their attempts to extract information from the Fuel Administration. The Administration used to be part of the Treasury

## Dry Bones



and has been around much longer than the upstart Energy Ministry. Furthermore, its headquarters is located in Haifa, far from the inquisitive ministry economists in Jerusalem.

The head of the Fuel Administration, Shimon Gilboa, is a former IDF career officer who reached the rank of tat-aluf, and who has a reputation as a tough customer. When his officials appeared before the Knesset State Control Committee to answer the comptroller's charges, they said: "We operate according to concepts different from those of the State Comptroller's Office."

Ministry officials in Jerusalem who have tried to show Gilboa who's boss have found themselves looking for another job. A ministry committee formed in the wake of the comptroller's findings to suggest improvements in the Fuel Administration's supervisory procedures was disbanded last year, without explanation.

Nothing here should be taken to imply that any personal corruption is involved in the Fuel Administration's lack of enthusiasm for control by its nominal superior. The officials of the tight-knit unit simply prefer "our way of doing things."

Nevertheless, ministry officials now report that they are getting more and better information from Gilboa's unit. "My only problem now," said one official, "is how to figure out what I'm still not getting from them."

This story cannot conclude with "They lived happily ever after," but it does have a surprise ending. As has been pointed out, the Fuel Administration's lax supervisory procedures first came to light in the comptroller's reports. This in itself should not be surprising, since hardly any journalists and few academic economists really understand the mind-boggling complexities of how fuel prices are calculated in this country.

What is surprising is that the comptroller was put on Gilboa's trail by officials who had despaired of ever getting him under control by playing by the book. They used the comptroller to help "smoke him out." The publicity of the comptroller's reports and the Knesset hearings have finally led to some improvements in supervising the supervisors. Whether the supervisors themselves are doing any better is still not clear, though.

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# Catch-as-catch-can

By REUVEN YARON

Tami had changed his position, in revenge for the Treasury's refusal to come to the aid of Gaon, by guaranteeing a considerable sum, when some major ventures of his had run into difficulties. The substance of Gaon's request, and its rejection, were admitted, but any Tami connection was indignantly denied. Now, what the truth is, I wouldn't know, but am inclined to refer to the Italian saying, *Se non e vero e ben trovato* — "If it is not true, it is well invented."

Wednesday and Thursday brought some 40 hours of pre-emptive jitters, and the possibility of 60-60 tie, meaning the failure of the attempt to advance the elections. First, there was the rumour, gaining more and more ground (and eventually coming true) that Dror Zeigerman was coming back from Argentina, switching from support to opposing the coalition's negative stand. There was the rumour, also finally coming true, that Ben-Porat was about to lend his hand, raised in favour of the Labour initiative. This emerged more or less clearly in a Thursday morning debate over the radio, where Ronnie Milo committed the faux pas of saying that Ben-Porat was swayed by promises from Labour. Even if it were true (and we cannot know that it is), such accusations are counter-productive, insulting to no purpose; participants in political catch-as-catch-can tend to refrain from them.

During the course of Thursday, it became known that Mr. Begin was not coming to the Knesset to vote. But by that time, it was clear that his participation would not have affected the outcome. It was the vote of Ben-Porat which had finally resolved the issue.

more than that. That is the story of the delegation to Argentina. It was a mission of quite unusual significance, far beyond the customary trips of our parliamentarians. The delegation was headed by Uzi Baram, the Labour MK; other members were Menachem Hacohen, Geula Cohen and Dror Zeigerman. When election fever gripped Israel, there was talk of recalling the four. One of them, Hacohen, heeded the voice of the trumpet, and was back in Israel by Wednesday evening. The others hesitated, and nobody more so than Uzi Baram, the head of the delegation. He was very much upset and opposed to the idea of aborting the mission.

After Hacohen's return, Labour was prepared to let the three others stay in Argentina as a rather curious *menage a trois*. Then came the Zeigerman episode and its aftermath, set out in full, yet unconvincing, detail by *Post* reporter, Sarah Honig (on Thursday, March 22):

It is difficult to buy this rather ingenious story. The important point, which even people in panic could not have missed, was that as long as Geula and Uzi stayed together, recalling the lot in no way changed the situation. The only difference, had they continued their mission, would have been a vote of 60-57 instead of 61-58 (and let's remember that no privileged majority was required for this type of vote).

Why were Baram and Geula Cohen summarily ordered to return? I do not know. I do not understand, I greatly dislike not understanding. There must be some reason, yet it escapes me. It would be nice if a competent spokesman for Labour came forward with a plausible explanation. I do not think that it be true, that would be too much; but it should be plausible.

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THEY WERE 75 great hours for the ringside spectator, the armchair amateur of political catch-as-catch-can, if he only had the stomach for this particular sport, where practically all is acceptable, nothing is too foul. Feint traded for feint, dirty trick for dirty trick, pretence for pretence, hypocrisy for hypocrisy.

It all started with Ashraf Abuhatzela appearing on *Mabat*, setting the fuse to the Tami bombshell. True, Tami had for months been toying with the idea of early elections, had even submitted a draft proposal, but refrained from putting it to the vote. It would have been quite natural for them to join the latest Labour initiative, yet only a few days earlier, on Thursday, March 15, they had decided not to do so.

So here was Abuhatzela, as always cool as a cucumber, the bland poker-face, in perfect control of mien and utterance. He was weakest when Nissim Mishal asked him to explain the *volte face*. Abuhatzela cited as reasons the infighting in the police, and the 12 per cent increase in the February index (high indeed, but not at all unexpected). Not very convincing? But then, in circumstances of this kind, it is the act that counts, not its explanation.

The next evening belonged to Ezer Weizman, announcing that he was throwing his hat into the ring. Even though it was the Ezer of yesterday, still "a man hasty in his words," his return to active politics at the head of a group not yet identified, was no doubt an event of importance. His second (or rather third) coming into politics met with criticism from a surprisingly broad spectrum of politicians and journalists. Many of the points seem to have been well taken. (In terms of sheer spirit, nobody could match Yossi Sarid, calling Ezer "a Ben-Gurion for the poor, or a de Gaulle for housemaids.")

NEXT DAY there was the Nessim Gaon bubble: the rumour was that

imposed on a weak Lebanese government, under the Cairo Agreement, by Egypt's Nasser, in league with the other Arab States, expressly to harass Israel. The resultant present tragedy of Lebanon is thus directly attributable to this Nasserian mischief in installing the PLO in the Lebanon that wrecked Lebanese sovereignty and provoked Israel's retaliation to the PLO's unremitting terrorism.

It would therefore be more in consonance with the facts if Mr. Ghali and other Egyptian leaders, instead of now denigrating Israel with their random remarks, were to keep a discreet silence on the subject of the Lebanese tragedy.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### THE LEBANESE TRAGEDY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — You report Mr. Boutros Ghali as saying (March 9): "Too many of us are fearful that the Israel Government's true intention is to turn Southern Lebanon into a new West Bank."

It is strange that Mr. Ghali seems unaware that, to every lover of the Bible, whether Jew or Christian, the West Bank is the heart of Israel, whereas Lebanon, even in Biblical times, was a territory outside Israel to which Israeli governments have repeatedly asserted they make no claim.

The truth is that, ever since the General Armistice Agreement of 1949, harmony prevailed between Lebanon and Israel, until a Fatah-land — not permitted on Egyptian, Syrian or Jordanian territory — was

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